

Comments on Proposed HB 6637

My name is Russell Fradin, and I have owned a house on a lake in Goshen, CT for 31 years. Please be advised that although HB 6637 may look like a benign piece of legislation, it is in fact largely intended to fund an industry that puts herbicides in lakes, hence creating more environmental harm than good. If you look at the membership and funding of CT Federation of Lakes, a significant amount of its support comes from consultants, advisors, and lake management firms that are in the business of putting herbicides in lakes.

I am the President of a Conservancy, registered in the state of CT that supports natural means for controlling invasive species in lakes. We urge you to include a provision in HB 6637 that **EXPLICITLY BANS THE FUNDING OF HERBICIDES BY THE STATE** for weed control in our lakes. There are numerous natural means for controlling weeds, and any funding should be directed to these methods.

Please feel free to contact me or any member of our organization to learn more.

Respectfully submitted,

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